Mission

Established in 2012, the mission of the Huamin Research Center is to develop and disseminate knowledge through research and exchange that promotes professional development of nonprofit organizations and strengthens individual, family, and community well-being in China.

Announcements

Commentary on Philanthropy and Collective Sharing published (See page 2)

Huamin Research Center held Distinguished Scholar Lecture Series: Donations from Wealthy People in China by Dr. Guosheng Deng (See page 2)

Huamin Center Director Receives a Grant for China Strategic Initiatives (See page 2)

Upcoming Events

May 29
Collective Sharing of Capital
Speakers will discuss capital and philanthropy issues in China and the United States.
Location: Center for Innovation and Social Responsibility, Tsinghua University, Beijing, China

May 20 – June 2
2015 China Study Abroad
Beijing, China

June 3 – June 17
2015 Service Learning Abroad
Beijing, China

September 24 – 26
International Conference on Capital and Philanthropy
Speakers will discuss Capital and philanthropy issues in China and the United States.
Location: School of Social Work, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ, USA

Director’s Welcome

I am pleased to share our second newsletter, which records our achievements in the past year and highlights some of our initiatives for 2015. In 2014, we hosted two international conferences on social policy, co-hosted two NGO leadership trainings, and one distinguished scholar lecture. In the research area, we published the commentary on Philanthropy and Collective Sharing, the 2014 Observation Report on China’s Third Sector, three journal articles, and eight research reports. While collaborating with the Center for Innovation and Social Responsibility at Tsinghua University, we published four case studies on the NGO sector in China. The Huamin Research Center proudly hosted six visiting scholars from China in 2014. We continued our annual China Study Abroad and Service Learning Abroad programs, and were delighted in seeing the exchange between students of China and the United States. In 2015, we will continue to prioritize exchange and research. We will host two international conferences on issues of philanthropy and work with our visiting scholars on various research projects. In doing so we hope to support and train the next group of social work leaders, who will create meaningful change at home and abroad.

We are excited to release our second newsletter to keep students, faculty, and partners abreast of our latest work. On behalf of the Huamin Research Center, I would like to thank all of those at the Huamin Charity Foundation and at Rutgers University who have provided the generous and unyielding support that has made this possible.

Dr. Chien-Chung Huang
Director, Huamin Research Center

Pictured Above: Group photo after Distinguished Scholar Lecture Series. From left to right: Director Huang (Huamin Research Center), Director Germak (Center for Leadership and Management), Dr. Francis Barchi, Dean Potter (School of Social Work), Director Guosheng Deng, Charles Ventii (Executive Director, Nicholson Foundation), Director Jeff Wang (Rutgers China Office), Michael Caslin (Managing Director, Rising Tide Capital, Inc.)
Commentary on Philanthropy and Collective Sharing is published

In 2012, the Huamin Charity Foundation in China and Rutgers University in the United States co-established the Huamin Research Center of Rutgers University. The center is dedicated to facilitate the development of Nonprofit Organizations (NPOs) and foundations, and strengthens the well-being of individuals, families and communities in China. The Huamin Research Center has launched a series of research and collaborative projects to promote mutual learning between China and the United States.

In May, 2013, on the first anniversary of the establishment of the Huamin Research Center, Dr. Dezhi Lu, Chairperson of the Huamin Charity Foundation, made a speech, titled Philanthropy and Collective Sharing, to invited guests in Jersey City, New Jersey. The speech, published by the Huamin Research Center, had a profound influence domestically and internationally. The Huamin Research Center invited fifteen foundation and NPO leaders and scholars from the United States, Hong Kong, and Taiwan to comment on the speech and the collection of the commentary is available online.

Beijing University of Chemical Technology (BUCT) Delegation visits School of Social Work, Rutgers University

In September 2014, the delegation from the College of Humanities and Law in the Beijing University of Chemical Technology (BUCT) visited the Huamin Research Center in the School of Social Work at Rutgers University. The delegation was composed of Dean Yulong Fu, Deputy Dean Weiqi Cui, Assistant Dean Hongbing Zhang, Undergraduate Department Director Yanling Zhou, and Graduate School Director Jie Liu.

The visit was a follow-up visit to June 2014, in which the Rutgers delegation, led by Dean Cathryn Potter and Director Chien-Chung Huang visited BUCT and signed a 2+2 student exchange program agreement. The BUCT delegation visited Rutgers campus and met with the BASW Director DuWayne Battle, Director Huang, and Dean Potter to further finalize the plan for the 2+2 program. The delegation also met with Director Jeff Wang of Rutgers’ China Office and Chancellor Richard Edwards of the New Brunswick Campus to discuss further collaboration between BUCT and Rutgers.

Distinguished Scholar Lecture Series: Donations from Wealthy People in China by Dr. Guosheng Deng

On October 31st, 2014, in collaboration with the Center for Leadership and Management in the School of Social Work, the Huamin Research Center successfully held the Distinguished Scholar Lecture on “Donations from Wealthy People in China” by Dr. Guosheng Deng, the Director of Center for Innovation and Social Responsibility at Tsinghua University. Director Deng introduced that charity donations in China could be divided into three developmental stages: prior to 1994, between 1995 and 2002, and since 2003. He pointed out that the main reasons behind the changes in giving by the rich in China include the government’s attitude towards philanthropy, the laws and regulations in the realm of philanthropy, the growth in wealth among the rich, and major historical events. At last, through an analysis of these influencing factors, Director Deng offered predictions regarding the future trends of giving among the rich in China.

Huamin Center Director Receives a Grant for China Strategic Initiatives

Dr. Chien-Chung Huang, Director of Huamin Research Center, received a Grant for a project, titled “A Strategic Development for Social Work Professionals in China,” from the Centers for Global Advancement and International Affairs at Rutgers University. The project team proposes to (1) establish joint Social Work Education programs, (2) develop a South China Study Abroad program, (3) extend training programs to social work faculty and professionals, and (4) conduct research on Chinese nonprofit organizations, to address current social issues and facilitate social development in China through social workers’ and nonprofit organizations’ efforts.
2015 China Study Abroad & Service Learning Abroad

The China Study Abroad Program is an international summer program which aims to introduce the social welfare system in China, including the growing fields of direct social work practice and nonprofit management, to students. Any Rutgers undergraduate and graduate students interested in social welfare in China are encouraged to participate. On the trip, the students will visit Universities, foundations, and agencies in China and participate in cultural tours such as the Great Wall, Forbidden City, and Temple of Heaven. This opportunity will help students gain a greater insight into the social welfare issues and challenges China is currently facing in light of its rapid social and economic development.

The Service Learning Program is an optional 2-week experience of service learning for students who participate in the China Study Abroad Program. The 2015 Service Learning Program will be held at Blue Sky Feng Yuan Migrant School and at Peking University Sixth Hospital for students to work with low-income migrant children and patients with mental illnesses.

The dates for the 2015 China Study Abroad and Service Learning Abroad are the following:

- China Study Abroad (2 weeks): May 20 – June 2
- Service Learning Abroad (2 weeks after China Study Abroad): June 3 – June 17

For more information on how to apply or about the programs, visit: https://studyabroad.rutgers.edu
Or contact Dr. Chien-Chung Huang at huange@ssw.rutgers.edu

Rutgers-Beijing Normal University Philanthropy Leadership Study Program

In October, 2014, the Center for Leadership and Management, the Huamin Research Center at Rutgers University, and the China Philanthropy Research Institute of Beijing Normal University successfully hosted a Philanthropy Leadership Study Program for the NGO leaders from China. The group was composed of 22 foundation and grass-root organization directors and leaders in China. The program contained lectures by Rutgers faculty Germak and Goldberg, Associate Director of Ashoka International Operations Amy Neugebauer, and Qudoo Consulting Director John Brothers, and foundation and agency visits, including the Nicholson Foundation, Rockefeller Philanthropy Advisors, Fedcap, United Way of New York City, Glassroots, Prevent Child Abuse New Jersey, and New-Bridge Services.

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Research Publications

The Center conducts research, and supports research projects, that are related to nonprofit organizations and issues of social welfare in China. The following are recent publications:

Journal publications:


Research reports:


To read more about the Center’s past and current research projects, including books, reports, case studies, and brochures we’ve published, email us huamin@ssw.rutgers.edu or visit our site http://socialwork.rutgers.edu/Huamin

Visiting Scholars

Dr. Guosheng Deng is a professor and the Director of The Center for Innovation and Social Responsibility of the School of Public Policy and Management at Tsinghua University. He focuses research on NGOs, performance evaluation and social innovation. He teaches courses on Public Organization Evaluation, Management and Evaluation of Social Organization, Front of Non-profit Organizations (NPO) and Public Utility, etc.. His major published works include Evaluation of NPO and Evaluation of Public Welfare Project. Many journal articles are issued in China Social Sciences (English Version), China Administration, China Soft Science, etc..

Dr. Rida Ga is a professor of Sociology at Beijing Administrative College, China. He teaches courses on social research method, social security for graduate students and gives special lectures on social development for government official training classes. He is a trustee member of associations including: the Chinese Association of Sociology, the Branch Association of Scientific Research Methodology Attached to Chinese natural dialectics Research Association, the Branch Association of Government Official Training attached to Chinese population society, and the Beijing Association of Sociology.

Dr. Hongwei Hu is an associate professor and the director of Department of Social Security at the North China Electric Power University. He received his doctorate from the School of Social Security at WuHan University and was a post -doc at the Guanghua School of Management in Peking University. His research areas includes migrant children, elderly, and health services.

Dr. Jing Hu is an associate professor in the Department of Economics at Hubei University of Economics. Her areas of research focus on health economics and aging society. Dr. Hu has published many journal articles and leads several research projects, including a Study on Elders’ Health, Medical Insurance and Poverty, and a research on Level of Protection of the New Rural Cooperative Medical Scheme in Hubei Province.

Ms. Yunmei Kong is an Associate Professor in the School of Law at North China University of Water Resources and Electric Power. Her areas of research focus on social policy and social development, social welfare and social relief, and NPOs. She has published many journal articles and conducts several research projects, including research on Urban Social Relief System, as well as on Rural Social Security System in China.

Dr. Xiaoxia Xie is an assistant professor in the Department of Economics in School of Public Administration at Beijing University of Aeronautics and Astronautics, China. She is engaged in research on information disclosure of corporations and Non-government Organizations (NGO), NGO transparency, and NGO governance. Dr. Xie has published many journal articles and leads several national and provincial research projects. Some of her journal articles appear in the Chinese Social Science Citation Index (CSSCI) and the Index to Scientific & Technical Proceedings (ISTP).

Dr. Yuying Zhong is a professor at South China University of Technology. Her research interests include: comparison study on social welfare between China and the United States, social assistant policy on the urban poor, educational assistance to migrant children in China, as well as the relationship between NGO and local government in terms of social welfare service supply. She has conducted four provincial level projects, published four books, and more many journal articles.